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Newsletter Autumn Term 2019



Dear Parents

Welcome Back

I would like to give a warm welcome back to all our children and families after a well-earned summer holiday. I hope that you all took advantage of the break and now feel refreshed and ready to face the challenges of the new school year. I would like to welcome new members of staff; Miss L Stevenson (EYFS teacher), Mrs J Kirby (Y2 Teaching support), Miss K Walker (Y3 Teaching support) and Miss M Hawley (Y4 Teaching support).

I would like to give a special welcome to all our new reception children. A further warm welcome to all our new starters and their families. We now have 557 pupils on role at the school.

Parents' Welcome Meeting

Year 6 - A combined welcome meeting and final information for the forthcoming residential visit will be held on Thursday 5th September for all **Year 6** parents in the main hall. The welcome meeting will start at 3.30pm and will last for approximately 15 minutes. It will be followed immediately by the final information meeting for the Lake District visit. All parents are encouraged to attend this meeting as final details about timings and organisation will be given.

Welcome meetings for **Year 1/2/3/4/5** are scheduled for **Tuesday 10th September**. This is an opportunity for parents to visit the school, meet the teachers, visit classrooms and talk to myself. The meeting offers an introduction to the work and expectations of each year group throughout the school. A general outline for the school year will be discussed along with things planned for the Autumn Term. Please attend if you can.

Please see timetable below for each year group:

Tuesday 10th September: 3:30 Y1, 3:50 Y2, 4:10 Y3, 4:30 Y4 and 4:50 Y5

Meetings will be held in the main hall. Access will be via the main entrance and exit will be through the main door near to the hall. Members of SLT will be on hand to direct. We look forward to seeing all parents during the evening.

Parents are obviously welcome to discuss issues at the school as they arise and we urge parents to do this. All staff are around at the end of the school day. Parents can also call at the school office before school where an appointment can be made with the teacher or me. Mornings are usually very busy times and we encourage parents to avoid appointments at this time where possible unless there is an important issue that might affect your child during the day.

Payment for school trips

During the welcome meetings trips and visits will be discussed for each year group. We will try to give a general outline for the year in order for parents to budget. In the past we have had a number of families that are repeatedly not paying for trips taken. The cost of trips is calculated based on the number of pupils attending. Permission slips and payments must be



returned to the school office before the trip takes place. School is not allowed to make profit. If there is any difficulty in paying for a trip – please speak to staff in confidence. We can always arrange a payment plan. Also families in receipt of some benefits are entitled to apply for Free School Meals which triggers a 'Pupil Premium' payment to the school. Once the school is in receipt for this money it can be used to offset the cost of pupil visits. If you are unsure of eligibility then please contact the school office. Thank you.

Uniform

It is lovely to see all the children in their school uniform. Second hand uniform is always available please just ask.

Please make sure that **ALL** your child's uniform and PE kit is clearly labelled with his/her name. A quick reminder on school uniform:

Black/grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore dresses

White/pale blue polo shirts

Royal Blue sweatshirt or cardigan

White/grey/black socks or tights

Black school shoes

Uniform can be bought with the Mablins logo online. Plain items can be purchased from local shops and supermarkets very reasonably.

Name Labels

Easy to use name labels can be purchased from the school office. (25 name labels for £2.50 and 5 pairs of shoe labels for £3.00). Labels can be prepared swiftly, no long wait and no postage and packing! Please think about using this service.

This will help to significantly reduce our lost property pile. PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE.



Data Collection Sheets

As a result of GDPR we will not be sending out Data Collection sheets at the beginning of the academic year. If parents wish to make changes to addresses/contact details they should speak to the office staff directly. Should you have updated your mobile phone number recently or intend to do this over the summer holiday then it is essential that you pass this information to us. Thank you.

Communication

Parents can call the school at any time on: 01270 685085. There is an answerphone service available on this number and messages are checked regularly. Calls regarding absence can be left on the answerphone and the registers will be updated accordingly. Parents may wish to email and this can be done directly to me or via the school office. Messages to staff can be forwarded where necessary. Addresses are as follows:

Headteacher: head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

Office: admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

Members of the Senior Leadership Team are present each morning on the main entry doors to school. Class teachers will accompany the pupils out of school at the end of the day and will be available for communication. If there is a problem it is usually best to approach the class teacher first to see if it can be resolved.

A texting service is in place for short messages. Newsletters and other correspondence will be sent by email or paper copies can be made available. If you require more than one copy then do please let us know.

We have a school website. Please regularly check online for lots of additional information. You can also keep up to speed with events as they happen by following our Twitter feed **@MablinsSchool**

Punctuality

May I remind you that it is important for children to arrive at school promptly at the start of the day, **9:00am**. A teacher is on duty at the school doors from 8.45am when we open the school gates. In the interests of your child's safety we request that they arrive at school and go straight in to school to their classrooms.

Some children come to school on bikes or scooters. We have a designated storage area where they can remain safely during the school day. We ask that pupils walk with their bike or scooter once on site for the safety of pedestrians. Pupils riding bikes **MUST** wear a helmet.

If your child is late, the gates are locked at 9:00am. We ask in this instance that you bring your child to the main door where the office will sign your child in to school. It is unsettling for children if they have to enter the school after their class has gone in so we do ask parents to keep to the timings.

In order to ensure the Health and Safety of all our children please remember that if your child will be absent, the school should be contacted by 9.30am. We may phone after this time in order to clarify the situation if your child has not arrived in school and we have not had notification otherwise. On return to school, please can you make sure that we have had communication to explain the reason for your child's absence, in order for the office to accurately maintain our attendance records.

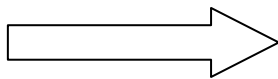
At the end of the day pupils should be collected from the designated points. Pupils will be handed over to parents. Pupils in Year 5 and 6 may opt to walk home; **if this is the case please can parents please let the class teacher know the arrangement in writing**. It does take a little time to release all pupils from each year group but we ask you to bear with us in order to keep the children safe. If parents are not waiting pupils will be brought back in to school where we will try to contact you. Unless a child had a specific appointment pupils will not be released from school before 3.15pm.

Can we remind parents that pets should not be brought on to the school site with the exception of guide dogs or dogs supporting another disability? Thank you for your cooperation.

School Lunch Payments

Please can I remind parents that dinner money is £2.40 per day (£12.00 per full week, £91.20 for this half term of 38 days). Pupils in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal and will not need to send in any payment. Please be reminded that registration is still required for Free School Meals if parents are in receipt of some benefits. This applies to pupils in any year group across the school including EYFS, Y1 and Y2. This registration releases money in to the school budget (Pupil Premium Funding) which helps to support pupil learning. The number to call is 0300 123 5012. If you are unsure if you are eligible or require assistance in your application then do not hesitate to contact the school office. Dinner money is payable in **advance** and is due weekly on a **Monday**, or at the start of the half term. Please send in half termly payments before Monday 9th September if possible. **Children who owe for dinners will not be able to continue until all arrears are paid**. If you are paying for more than one child, please state clearly on the envelope which money is due to which child. Payments should where possible be made online via the Cheshire East School Portal

<https://online.cheshireeast.gov.uk/SchoolShop/ParentLogin.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fSchoolShop%2fSecureApp%2fParentHome.aspx> If parents are unsure how to do this then please ask at the school office.



PTA

The first PTA meeting of the year is to be held this Monday, 9th September. The meeting will be held in school starting at 6:00pm.

The annual AGM will be held on: **THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER AT 6PM IN SCHOOL.**

Please put these dates and attend if you can. The PTA organises great events which raise money to support all children in the school. The events are good fun too.

Medicine

Some pupils take regular medicine and need to do this during the school day. Please ensure that a new form has been completed for the office and that medication in school is in date and current doses are accurate. We will not be able to administer any medication until forms are signed and complete for this school year. Mrs Eastwood is our designated medical needs support worker and will be contacting families during the next couple of weeks. Please look out for this correspondence and reply accordingly.

Some pupils may need to take a course of medication after a short illness and this may require administering during the school day. We can only administer medicine prescribed by a doctor and to the dose prescribed on the label. A form will need to be completed at the time in the office.

Some pupils will take regular medicine, but this may be outside of school hours. It is useful for us to know if this in case there is an emergency. Please could parents add this to the data sheet or let us know in writing so that we can add this to our records.

Allergies Information ***NUT FREE***

It is very important for you to inform us at school if your child suffers from any allergies. All our staff have been trained to deal with reactions and can work accordingly.

One of our new EYFS pupils has a severe nut allergy and we are therefore becoming a NUT FREE SCHOOL.

Please can all parents support us in this pledge by checking any snacks and lunch box items to make sure that they DO NOT contain any nuts in order to keep all our pupils safe.

Many thanks for your cooperation with this request.

Parking Outside School



The safety of our children is paramount and it is essential therefore that everyone parks thoughtfully and considerately around school. We do have our yellow zig-zag lines giving a clear zone, but I do urge all parents to be vigilant in keeping the front of the school clear. If parking in any of the estates, parents must ensure that they do not park across or block the driveways of our neighbours. Last year we had numerous complaints from our neighbours who have been met with abuse when asking parents not to block their driveways. Following a summer driving campaign our PCSO will be following this up with frequent visits at school drop-off and collection times to monitor the situation. Anyone parking in a dangerous manner or showing dis-regard will be reported to the police.

Back to school – safely!

Very few parents are aware that children up to the age of 12 are required to use a booster seat of some sort. The only exemption is if a child is taller than 135cm. The full legislation is copied below.

1. Using a child car seat or booster seat

Children must normally use a child car seat until they're 12 years old or 135cm tall.

Types of child car seat

Which child car seat to use depends on the child's weight.

Type of seat

Weight

Rear-facing baby seats

Babies up to 13kg

Forward or rear-facing baby seats

Children from 9 to 18kg

Forward-facing child car seats (booster seats)

Children from 15 to 25kg

Booster cushions

Children over 22kg

Only EU-approved child car seats can be used in the UK. These have a label showing a capital 'E' in a circle.

It is a frightening fact that if you are involved in an accident, even if you are not at fault and you are found to be committing any offence, be that a bald tyre, using your phone or not using a booster seat, your insurer is unlikely to pay your claim and a prosecution is a possibility. Could you live with yourself if you injured your child permanently because they were wearing an ill-fitting seat belt? The legislation is there for your child's protection. Please ensure you comply.

Absence in Term Time

Cheshire East Council state that where unauthorized absence exceeds 10 sessions then Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued. Further information is available through the Cheshire East Website. Should parents consider absence during term time then a form must be completed and returned to the school office. Absence can only be authorized in exceptional circumstances. Holidays and weddings are not classed as exceptional circumstances and parents should make a careful consideration before making a request for these reasons. Each request is assessed independently and on its own merits.

MMR Jabs

Statistics show that 1 in 7 pupils will start school this September without having had their MMR jabs. This puts pupils at an increased risk of contracting measles, mumps or rubella – all serious illnesses. If your child has not yet been inoculated then please contact your Health visitor, GP or the school nurse to find out more information.

Clubs

A variety of After School Clubs will be available to the children during the Autumn Term and a separate letter will be sent showing the options soon.

Request

Miss Gibson is hoping to run a 'beginners' tap club at some point in the autumn term which will hopefully lead to rehearsing a basic routine that will be included within the Christmas performance. She has a small selection of tap shoes already but not enough so would like to put a request out to parents and friends of the school asking for them to send in their children's old tap shoes if they have any. She would need them fairly early on in the autumn term if possible. Thank you.

123 Magic

We will be running another 123 Magic parenting course this half term taking place on Friday mornings in school. This starts on **Friday 27th September at 09:10 – 11:00 and will continue on 4th Oct, 11th Oct and 18th Oct at the same times.**

Dates for the Coming Term



A copy of headline dates for the school year will be sent out by the end of the week.

We are trying to outline key dates for the year. We hope that it will help with forward planning but should the dates change, or new dates be added we will inform you immediately. A copy of dates and a calendar is available on the school website for reference.

May I remind you that I am always available should you have any queries or concerns no matter how small. Please do not hesitate to contact me at school. I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I wish you all a most successful term.

Yours sincerely
Justine Joule